St. Gabriel's Church

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Dear Bishop Ogilby,

This letter is to present you with a Parish profile of St. Gabriel's Olney. The profile is a response to the self-study element of our search for a new Vicar.

Our Search Committee has met four consecutive Sunday evenings under the guidance of Fr. Donald T. Graff of the Consultant Network. Those members involved in completing this self-study are listed as follows:

Stella and Henry Smith
Arthur Hall
Anthony Geraci
Sidney Taylor
June Mader
Jack Hough, Search Chairman
Carol Harrison, Vice-Search Chairman

Our understanding of the next step having completed our profile is that we will receive a list of candidates (3) in the near future, to be interviewed by the Vestry. And possibly a limited computer search to neighboring Dioceses if deemed necessary.

Within the next three weeks we hope to arrange for an interim priest (for our Sunday services and I understand Father Hoofnagle may be available for our Friday morning service.) We would like to arrange for an interim priest as soon as possible since Rev. Alice B. Mann officially leaves after the 27th of September.

Please be certain the supply or interim priest will not be a candidate for the position of Vicar.

Thank you for your cooperation, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in Christ,

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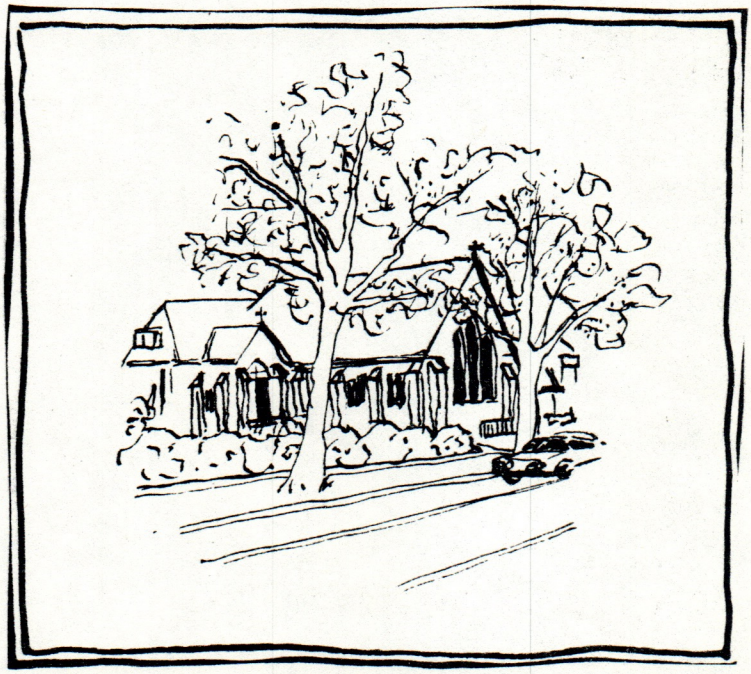

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PART II NEIGHBORHOOD OF ST. GABRIEL'S

The neighborhood served by St. Gabriel's is regarded as a parish area including Olney and Feltonville, with a potential outreach to include Logan.

Olney and Feltonville consists of single family dwellings and an average $20,000 per year family income. According to the 1980 census* the northern portion of the city is experiencing a moderate decline in population. This of course is reflected in the neighborhood.

The economic and racial make-up of our neighborhood is quite stable. Although there is some slow racial change,* to Spanish and Oriental, we remain a basically white 'blue collar' Neighborhood. The neighborhood is predominantly residential and most people work outside the area.

Although the neighborhood is predominantly Roman Catholic we have experienced strong outside participation with our frequent film festivals, rummage sales, suppers, bazaars and Neighborhood Improvement Program.

Our hospitality is offered to neighborhood groups. A number of these use our facilities. The Girl Scouts, Charles Kline New Years Assoc. (Mummers), Gamblers Anonymous, Lions and Lioness' use our building for their regular meetings.

A large percentage of our members are involved in the community groups such as Greater Olney Community Council, Lions/Lioness' and Town Watch.

*1980 census information

St. Gabriel's Church is located at the center of four 1980 census tracts, which reveal the following information when total ed together

CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING, 1980							
1970 TOTAL POPULATION	1980 TOTAL POPULATION	RACE					PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN
		WHITE	BLACK	INDIAN	ASIAN	OTHER	
27277	24625	23297	92	41	408	787	1420

PART III CONGREGATION

Any potential new member joining St. Gabriel's would find themselves with people who are very much like themselves in terms of income, housing, interests and concerns. The congregation is a reflection of the neighborhood. People joining the parish feel welcome and relaxed in an atmosphere without encountering social conflicts or barriers.

Our congregation is a very warm congenial group. We have a strong vitality and willingness to incorporate new demands for the sake of ministry and an immediate awareness of the Holy Spirit working with us in a renewal of St. Gabriel's.

The strong Deanery intervention in 1977 initially by Dean Noble Smith was a valuable initial contribution to us. The appointment of Rev. Alice Mann as half-time Vicar proved to be good judgment with proven results during the past two years.

St. Gabriel's has kept communications with our Diocesan Headquarters through monthly COAC meetings and visitations by our Bishops to our parish, including Confirmations. As a means of staying aware of the events in our Diocese and the Church around the world our members receive the "Episcopalian" newspaper.

During the last year we have been involved with the training of ourselves and our leaders towards effective evangelism.

At the beginning of 1981 our congregation met with the Rev. William Smith of the Diocese Evangelism Office, discussed and planned a commitment to evangelism. With the use of the Consultant Network we have followed through with parish seminars. Our leaders have attended a weekend seminar organized by the Diocese Evangelism Office. We have developed an active program for adding new members.

Regular Services are held at 9 A.M. and 11 A.M. on Sunday and at 10 A.M. on Friday. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at all three services. Our style of worship could be described as "moderate Catholic". We regard the sermon and Eucharistic participation as part of our regular worship. Acolytes, Lay readers and Chalice bearers assist at the 11 A.M. Sunday Services and on special holy days.

St. Gabriel's Sunday School consisted of ten children at the close of the last term, with three teachers. Starting this September sunday school will be held at 10 A.M. A curriculum has been designed around newly purchased slide-projector presentation called 'The Life of Christ' with other books and materials. We expect to have a 'senior' sunday school class curriculum to support the confirmation class work which begins in October.

We are more than just a sunday congregation. As well as our Christian Education Seminars we experience strong participation in all mid-week activities by our parish. Film festivals, bazaars, dinners and so on have turned out substantially larger members of people than the previous year and have been successful by any standards. Compared to our regular Sunday Services the attendance on mid-week Holy Day services is also high.

As a congregation we feel a strong unity and with this a strong consensus of specific common goals. During our worship, parish history seminars, guild training, evangelism seminars and vestry meetings etc. these goals are important to all of us: A closer walk with Christ; a strong parish with a strong witness to our neighborhood; movement towards a full-time priest in a self supporting parish.

The following is a list of people with their various offices

and functions at St. Gabriel's.

Paid-staff- We have no paid staff at present however we are hoping to fill a staff position with financial help through the 'Partnership Program'.

Vicar's Warden - Arthur Hall

Accounting Warden - June Mader

Recording Secretary - Claire Caverow

Treasurer - Thelma Mohr

Vestry Members:

George and Katherine Clyde

Henry and Stella Smith

Sidney Taylor

Tony Geraci

Pastoral Assistant- Carol Harrison

Evangelism Chairman - Jack Hough

COAC Representatives - George and Katherine Clyde

Licensed Chalice Bearers -

Jack Hough

George Clyde

Peter Markopulos

Lay Readers -

Claire Ford

Phyllis Kaupp

Carol Harrison

Acolytes: Linda, Brian and Steve Geraci

Organist - Linda Gallagher

Part-time Sextants - Mr. and Mrs. James Mulgrew

PART IV PROPERTY BUILDING

Our Gothic style Church sits at the corner of Roosevelt Boulevard and Front Street among the row homes of Olney and Feltonville. The location of our Church beside a major highway gives us an obvious visible exposure in our community.

The Church building includes a boiler/storage room/ supply closets; two janitorial closets/ storage room and possible small office all adjacent to the large basement hall. Upstairs there is an office; guildroom; Sacristy and Vestibule; Lounge (Coffee room); large attic for storage. The church interior seats up to 130 people with expansion of up to 200 in the rear with choir stalls for at least thirty and pipe organ, with the pipes at the rear, above the marble Baptismal Font.

The surrounding property consists of a four bedroom, stone front Rectory, with a garage and large surrounding yard and is presently occupied. It will be vacant by Oct. 1, 1981.

The attic and two storage rooms are considered 'under utilized' at the present time. Our facilities for Worship and Church functions are good, however we need parking facilities.

Major repairs and improvements have been completed recently, as follows - Extensive roof repairs; plexiglas/Lexan protection for windows; new roof on rectory; outside illumination of total church building; new doors at main entrance; signwork; new boiler; major paintwork and storm drains cleaned.

We do not anticipate any major maintenance costs in the near future. There are routine maintenance jobs to be completed, specifically two small attic windows; some plasterwork and paint work in part of the basement area.

PART V FINANCIAL

Pledging has been an important part of our commitment to the financial support of St. Gabriel's. The expected weekly offerings for all of 1981 were received by the month of May, and the total for all of 1980 was surpassed in July of 1981.

Stewardship has been encouraged and taught during regular worship by our priest.

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED:

Financial Data Summary

People Data Summary

Parish Life Orientation

Clergy Work Orientation

Report of Peer Visit

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Other material of interest

FINANCIAL: DATA SUMMARY

ITEM	Recorded in Parochial Report 1978 & Before	1979 & After	Most Recent Year-End 80	One Year Previous 79	Three Years Previous 78	Five Years Previous ____
Total Budget Disbursements	Box R	Box L	$ 40,506.08	13,368.70	11,219.65	
General Purpose Income	Box K	Box E	$ 37,680.73	12,403.80	10,820.55	
Total Pledges	Line 45	Line 45	$ 4300.00	4360.20	4360.20	
% of General Purpose Income from Plate and Pledges	Line 51+52 ÷ by Box K	1751+1752 ÷ by Box E	% 16.8	%53.8	%47.4	
% of General Purpose Income going outside of Parish	Box P ÷ by Box K	Box J ÷ by Box E	% 3.5	% 2.5	%2.0	
Diocesan Aid Received, if any	Line 54	Line 1754	$ 26,000.00	-----	--------	
Total Paid to Diocese	Line 64	Line 1864	$ 473.95	281.00	200.86	
Diocesan Loan Outstanding			$			
Other Debt	Lines 46-48	Lines 4046 through 4048	$ -----	-----	-----	
Annual Debt Reduction	Line 50	Line 4050	$ -----	-----	-----	
Annual Cost per Household: For Total Budget	Box R ÷ Box A	Box L ÷ Box A	$ 445.12	173.62	136.82	
For Clergy Compensation, Allowances, & Benefits	Total Clergy Cost ÷ Box A	Total Clergy Cost ÷ Box A	$ 108.53	123.25	42.29	
Clergy Compensation (Annual) Rector/Vicar	Lines 80-85	Lines 80-85	$ 9876.00	9265.00	3468.00	
Others	Lines 87-113	Lines 87-113	$			
*Min. Comp. for this level	X	X		X	X	X
*Mid-Point Comp. " "	X	X		X	X	X
**CPF Audit	X	X		X	X	X

*Figure set annually by Convention

**Annual audit of Clergy Compensation by Church Pension Fund--Figures available from Diocesan Controller

PEOPLE DATA SUMMARY

(For figures which are recorded in Parochial Report, Line # or Box letter are indicated.)

ITEM	# Most Recent Year-End 80	# One Year Previous 79	# Three Years Previous 78	# Five Years Previous ___
Households (Box A)	91	77	82	DATA
Pledging Units (44)	19	23	25	UNAVAILABLE
Baptized Persons (5)	156	137	140	
Communicants, Total (Box D) in Good Standing	40	130	125	
Under Age 18				
Age 18-35	Congregation is an even distribution			
Age 35-65	of all age groups.			
Over Age 65				
Attendance, 4 Key Services				
Lent 1 (24)	30	31	18	
Easter Day (25)	69	69	32	
Trinity Sunday (26)	24	37	29	
Advent 1 (27)	31	26	24	
Present at Annual Meeting	Attendance on an average Sunday has become more stable and is slowly growing. Attendance this summer has been good.			
Church School				
Staff (30)	4	3	2	
N-K (31)	1	5	3	
1-8 (32)	10	5	5	
9-12 (33)	—	—	—	
Adults (34)	11	10	—	
Day School (if any)				
Staff (35)				
Students (36-38)				
Diocesan News/Episcopalian Subscriptions		X	X	X

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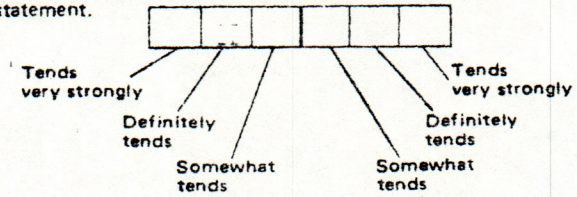
PARISH LIFE ORIENTATION

On these pages are a series of items that will help others understand how your parish approach its mission. Each item is defined by two statements representing different styles. You are to decide *which statement* describes your parish best. If the statement on the left better represents your approach, mark one of the three boxes on that end, according to the *degree* to which *your* parish leans in that direction. If the right hand statement fits your parish better, mark one of those three boxes. There are no right or wrong answers to the questions; different orientations may be appropriate for different parishes.

DIRECTIONS: Place a check mark in the square that most nearly represents where your parish is in relationship to the contrasting statement.



I. MINISTRY OF LAITY

1. Our laity are involved in leadership of parish life —worship, education, evangelism.		X					1. Our laity are involved in traditional ways, vestry, ushers, ECW.
2. We provide training for laity in all leadership roles and skills.		X					2. We provide training for laity in traditional ways.
3. Small groups are encouraged in our parish for Bible Study, prayer, and pastoral care.		X					3. Our groups are mostly interested in socials, bazaars, and fund raising.
4. Our diocese encourages ministry of laity to Church and World.		X					4. Our diocese encourages ministry of clergy.

II. LITURGICAL/SPIRITUAL LIFE

1. Our services are conservative traditional and formal.		X					1. Our services are innovative contemporary, and informal.
2. Congregation participates largely through the leadership of the clergy.					X		2. Congregation participates actively at all levels of the service.
3. Our worship is more sacramentally focused.	* X					X	3. Our worship is more focused on preaching.
4. Our parish encourages and offers regular training in the Spiritual Life to all members.	X						4. In our parish the Spiritual Life is considered as an individual responsibility only.

*Our worship is described as moderate Catholic. We regard both the sacraments and preaching as part of regular worship.

III. EDUCATIONAL LIFE

1. Our education is mostly for children.	* X					X	1. Total Parish involvement.
2. Our education takes place on Sunday morning only.				X			2. Our education takes place on Sundays and weekdays.
3. We are Bible Centered.		X			X		3. We are topic and issue centered.
4. Our education is mostly centered on being well informed about the Episcopal Church.				X			4. Our education centers on commitment to God, his People and his World.

*Our congregation has been involved in both childrens and adult education programs.

IV. EVANGELISM

1. Our parish has an active program for adding new members.	*	X					X	1. Our parish ministers to its own membership.
2. Newcomers are recognized and taken into all of our parish activities.		X					X	2. Newcomers are welcomed at our services.
3. Our parishioners honor and care for each other by calling, praying, and offering rides on their own.			X					3. Our parishioners join together chiefly through the clergy in the Church.

*Our parish has been involved in strong evangelism orientation and ~~training with strong participation and commitment as a result.~~

V. OUTREACH

1. Our parish is directly involved with life and activities of the diocese.		X						1. Our parish is self-sufficient and is related to diocese in formal affairs.
2. Our parish sponsors community services, offers use of buildings, etc.		X						2. Parish uses buildings for own private use.
3. Parish knows about and supports missionary outreach of Church.			X					3. Parish attends to own needs and supports itself.
4. We work comfortably with other denominations.		X						4. We like to do things by ourselves.

VI. STEWARDSHIP

1. Parish makes serious effort to teach and practice stewardship.			X					1. Parish relies on individual to practice own forms of stewardship.
2. Parish supported by many pledges of all sizes, including tithing.			X					2. Parish principally supported by a few large pledges.
3. Parish relies on endowments.						X		3. Parish relies on pledged income.
4. Parish is aware of and uses gifts (talents) of many laity.			X					4. Parish relies on few highly talented individuals.
5. The budget/pledges have been increasing over the past five years.		X						5. The budget/pledges have been stable or declining over the past five years.

VII. PEOPLE

1. Parish a mixture of many kinds and classes of people.						X		1. Parish is made up of one kind and class of people.
2. Parish largely made up of young couples with children.	*			X				2. Parish largely made up of elderly retired.
3. Parish draws largely from neighborhood.			X					3. Parish draws largely from very wide area.
4. Parish is predominantly a cross-section of the community with diverse interests; professional/managerial, skilled and unskilled.	*		X					4. Parish is predominantly one group of people not typical of the community but with close similarities.
5. Our parish/community has been changing demographically during the past decade.	*		X					5. Our parish/community has remained relatively stable during the past decade.
6. We are deeply commited to our goals and objectives and want someone to lead us in that direction.		X						6. We believe the person called will lead us and we will revise our goals accordingly.

*The parish has a tendency to attract younger people as new members.
*St. Gabriel's reflects the community and does not include many professional/managerial people.
*Our community has and does reflect a slow steady change.

Parish Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Diocese _____ Date _____

CLERGY WORK ORIENTATION

This is a method of picturing how clergy approach their work. Each item is defined by two statements representing different work-styles. Between them are 6 boxes. Decide which statment fits best according to degree and position your X in the box according to the tilt and degree of emphasis.

The two statements are not always true opposites. Sometimes they may both apply. In this case, one of the two middle boxes would be the best response. Do not mark two boxes. Do not mark the middle line. At other times, neither statement may apply. When this is true, leave the item blank.

Please remember that this is a description of work-style differences, not a test of competence. Although you may have a definite opinion about which response is better, there are no right or wrong answers to the questions; different orientations may be appropriate for different positions.

A WHEN DEALING WITH PEOPLE:

1	In social functions, is quiet and reserved.	22					X	In social functions, sparks the occasion and gets everyone to participate.
2	Helps people to figure out things themselves.			X				Advises people what to do.
3	Usually lets people know where he stands.		X					Usually keeps his opinions to himself.
4	In a conflict situation usually advocates one side.						X	In a conflict situation usually seeks consensus.

B IN TERMS OF LEADERSHIP STYLE:

5	Does own organizing.	26				X		Gets others to organize.
6	Generates ideas.				X			Adapts ideas.
7	Relies on direction from superiors.					X		Relies on strong personal sense of direction.
8	In bringing about change, makes use of conflict and confrontation.			X				In bringing about change, avoids conflict and confrontation.
9	Encourages subordinates to take initiative.			X				Gives strong directions to subordinates.
10	Willingly tries untraditional approaches.					X		Prefers improving traditional ways.
11	Places little emphasis on national and world mission.			X →				Places much emphasis on national and world mission.
12	Is skilled in many things.		X					Does a few things really well.

C WHEN PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND EVALUATING:

13	Has plans for situations that may arise.						X	Meets each situation as it arises.
14	Focuses on working with groups.			←	X			Focuses on working with individuals.
15	Welcomes criticism and adverse opinions.		X					Defends himself against criticism and adverse opinions.
16	Drives hard to achieve objectives.			X				Places feelings of others ahead of goal achievement.
17	Tends to accept denominational programming.			X				Tends to reject denominational programming.

D IN RELATION TO THE COMMUNITY:

18	Is often a leader in community affairs.			X				Is seldom a leader in community affairs.
19	Speaks out on controversial issues affecting the community.				X			Feels it is not the role of the pastor to speak out on controversial issues.
20	Engages in community action mainly through his own congregation.			X				Engages in community action mainly through non-church channels in addition to his own congregation.

E REGARDING THEOLOGICAL VIEWS:

21	Theological views are fairly stabilized.			X				Theological views are significantly changing.
22	Regards the Bible literally.						X	Regards the Bible as an interpretation of God's dealings with man.
23	Feels that ethical decisions must be based on absolute standards.				X			Feels that ethical decisions must be made in the light of circumstances.

F WHEN PREACHING, TEACHING OR LEADING WORSHIP:

24	Usually emphasizes a biblical text.			X				Usually emphasizes a social context.
25	Has an informal, conversational delivery.			X				Has a formal, authoritative delivery.
26	Tends to be provoking and challenging.				X			Tends to be comforting and assuring.
27	Usually refers to contemporary writers as a source of ideas.			X				Rarely refers to contemporary writers as a source of ideas.
28	Strictly adheres to order of service.		X					Freely adapts order of service.

G REGARDING VISITING:

29	Visits among members and prospects primarily to give pastoral care.				X			Visits among members and prospects primarily to build a stronger church.
30	Visits only when the need arises.					X		Plans regular family visits.

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A Profile of

SAINT GABRIEL'S CHURCH

ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD AT FRONT STREET
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and the commitment of a small group of people, an interim vestry was organized, an organist found, and in 1978 Fr. Benjamin Axelroad was appointed as interim priest.

Early in 1980 The Rev. Alice B. Mann was selected by the vestry and appointed Vicar by Bishop Ogilby. With her leadership, St. Gabriel's continued to grow in faith and numbers, and a foundation was built for continuing development. The Vicar left the Diocese of Pennsylvania and moved with her husband, the Rev. Robert Gallagher, to the Diocese of Connecticut in September of 1981. Bishop Ogilby and the Rev. Noble Smith continued to work with the parish in search of a new Vicar.

Sr. Adele Marie, Mother Superior of St. Margaret's House, Germantown, acted as interim priest and lead the congregation in services while a search was being conducted. The Rev. JoAnn Drake was selected by the vestry and appointed by the Bishop to head St. Gabriel's and on January 7, 1982, had her first service. She left the parish in May of 1985 to attend Medical School.

II. NEIGHBORHOOD SETTING

The neighborhood served by St. Gabriel's includes Olney and Feltonville, with a potential outreach to include Logan.

Olney and Feltonville consist of single family dwellings and an average $25,000 per year family income. According to the 1980 census*, the northern portion of the city is experiencing a moderate deline in population. This of course is reflected in the neighborhood.

The neighborhood remains basically white "blue collar", however, other ethnic and racial groups are in the population. Also, the neighborhood is predominantly residential and most people work outside the area.

Although the neighborhood is predominantly Roman Catholic, there is considerable outside participation when St. Gabriel's has film festivals, rummage sales, suppers and bazaars.

Hospitality is offered to neighborhood groups. A number of these use the facilities, including: Girl Scouts, Brownies, Charles Klein New Years Assoc. (Mummers), Lindley-Olney Lions (and Lioness), for their regular meetings. Also, Bethany Church (India's) of God uses the facilities for their regular worship.

A large percentage of the members are involved in the community groups such as Greater Olney Community Council, Lions/Lioness, Olney CB Townwatch and Rising Sun Townwatch.

*St. Gabriel's Church is located at the center of four 1980 census tracts which reveal the following information when totaled together.

1970 TOTAL POPULATION	1980 TOTAL POPULATION	CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING, 1980 RACE					PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN
		WHITE	BLACK	INDIAN	ASIAN	OTHER	
27,277	24,625	23,297	92	41	408	787	1420

III. CONGREGATION

Any potential member attending St. Gabriel's would be among people from the community. The Congregation is a reflection of the neighborhood. People joining the parish feel welcomed and relaxed in an atmosphere without social conflicts or barriers.

Our congregation is a very warm, congenial group. We have a strong desire and willingness to incorporate new ideas for a more effective ministry and believe that the Holy Spirit is working with us in the renewal of St. Gabriel's.

A strong deanery intervention in 1977, initiated by The Rev. Noble Smith, was a valuable contribution to us. And, the appointment of The Rev. Alice Mann as half-time Vicar proved to be a good choice with proven results during her two years. With the appointment of The Rev. JoAnn Drake in 1982 the parish continued to flourish with growth in the Sunday School, the choir, the Lawn Fair and special programs started by JoAnn.

St. Gabriel's has kept in communication with our Diocesan headquarters through monthly DCMM meetings and visitations by our Bishops. As a means of staying aware of the events in our Diocese and the Church around the world, our members receive the "Episcopalian" Newspaper.

During the last few years we have been involved in training ourselves and our leaders for effective evangelism. At the beginning of 1981 our congregation met with The Rev. William Smith of the Diocesan Committee on Evangelism to discuss and plan for evangelism. With the use of the Consultant Network we have followed through with parish seminars. Our leaders have attended weekend seminars organized by the Diocesan Evangelism Office. We have developed an active program for adding new members.

Regular services are held at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday and at 12:00 noon on Wednesday. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at all three services. Our style of worship could be described as "moderate Catholic." We regard the sermon and Eucharistic participation as part of our regular worship. Acolytes, lay readers, and Chalice bearers assist at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service and on special Holy Days.

St. Gabriel's Sunday School consists of ten children with two teachers. Sunday School is held at 11:00 a.m. The curriculum is designed around a newly purchased slide projector presentation called "The Life of Christ" with other books and materials. We hope to have a senior Sunday School class curriculum to support the confirmation class work.

We are more than just a Sunday congregation. We experience strong participation in all mid-week activities by our parish. Our Film Festivals, bazaars, dinners and so on have turned out substantially larger numbers of people than previous years, and have been successful. Compared to our regular Sunday services, the attendance during mid-week Holy Day services is high.

St. Gabriel's has a baptized membership of 132, a communicant strength of 68, 61 households, a total number of pledges of 47; and an annual budget of $42,700 of which $19,000 is from the Diocese.

As a congregation we feel a strong unity and with this, a strong consensus of specific common goals. These goals are important to all of us: a closer walk with Christ; a strong parish with a strong witness to our neighborhood; movement towards a full-time priest, and to become a self-supporting parish.

The following is a list of people and the various offices and functions at St. Gabriel's:

Vicar	
Vicar's Warden	Henry Smith
Accounting Warden	June Mader
Recording Secretary	Claire Caverow
Treasurer	Thelma Mohr
Vestry Members:	Thomas Ballingall George Thompson Henry and Stella Smith Claire Ford June Mader Tony and Steve Geraci Arthur Hall
Pastoral Assistants:	Claire Ford George Clyde
Evangelism Chairman	Claire Ford
DCMM Representatives:	Claire Ford Claire Caverow Phyllis Kaupp
Stewardship Chairman	George Clyde
Licensed Chalice Bearers:	Steve Geraci Claire Caverow Claire Ford George Clyde
Lay Readers:	George Clyde Claire Ford Henry Smith Phyllis Kaupp Steve Geraci Claire Caverow Thomas Ballingall Patricia Ballingall Nadine Jones

Acolytes:	Linda Geraci Brian Geraci Steve Geraci Thomas Goode Harry Goode Colleen McCook
Sunday School Teachers:	Steve Geraci Gia Vitelli
Organist	Linda Gallagher
Part-time Sextons:	Tony Geraci Steve Geraci

IV. PRIEST PROFILE

We seek a priest with the following committment and abilities:

1) A strong faith and committment to Jesus Christ, and the ability to communicate this to others;

2) Experience and/or willingness to serve in an urban "blue collar" community;

3) Married;

4) Ability to work with all age groups.

5) Offer leadership to the congregation in the following areas:

   a. Effective and spirited worship
   b. Evangelism and community outreach
   c. Spiritual growth and development
   d. Parish administration

V. PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS

The Gothic style church sits at the corner of Roosevelt Boulevard and Front Street among the row homes of Olney and Feltonville. Its location beside a major highway gives St. Gabriel's high visibility in the community.

The church building includes a boiler, Storage room, and supply closets; two janitorial closets/storage room, and a small office, all adjacent to the large basement hall. Upstairs there is an office; guildroom; Sacristy and Vestibule; lounge (coffee room); and a large attic for storage. The church interior seats up to 130 people with expansion of up to 200 in the rear with choir stalls for at least thirty, and pipe organ, with the pipes at the rear, above the marble Baptismal Font. The facilities for worship and church functions are good, however, there is a need for more parking space since only street parking is available at present.

The Vicarage consists of four bedrooms, a stone front, and a garage and large surrounding yard.

Major repairs and improvements have been completed recently, as follows: extensive roof repairs; plexiglas/Lexan protection for windows; new roof on rectory; outside illumination of total church building; new doors at main entrance; signwork; new boiler; major paintwork and storm drains cleaned. Two small attic windows were replaced.

Major maintenance costs are not anticipated in the near future, with the exception of a new roof. There are routine maintenance jobs to be completed, specifically, some plasterwork and paint work in part of the basement area and electrical work to be completed.